

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

(For members seeking reappointment to a City of Rockville Board or Commission)

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(Note: Work phone numbers are only for staff use)

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Name of current Board (or Commission): Cultural Arts Commission

Please complete the following:

How long have you served on this Board or Commission? 5 Years

Why do you wish to be considered for reappointment by the Mayor and Council?

Quite simply, I love what I am doing with the Commission and the work is important to me.

When I joined the CAC in 2004, I said that I would like to part of the team that helps the city discover its soul. I believe I am now part of that team and I believe we still have a lot to do. Over the past five years I have started to understand the city processes and how to make use of them for the betterment of the arts in Rockville. I have started to build relationships within the commission and with City staff and officials. These serve to give me a balanced view of the needs of the city, and the desires of the residents. This balance helps me to understand how to best apply our stewardship of the City's arts funds so that aesthetic, financial, and political needs are all properly considered and addressed.

With operating budgets as tight as they currently are, it is more important than ever for the City to have citizen advocates who understand the practical realities and are willing to work with the system to best serve the community's needs. This need is particularly strong in the area of the arts. When budgets get tight, it is very easy to decide to cut back performances, cut back on art acquisition, cut back on art repair, since these are "luxury" items and the City has more pressing needs. The funny thing is, they are not luxury items; they are necessities. They help the community feel regarded and valued; they give people a focus other than the current fiscal drama or crisis, and they give the community a way to get involved that is constructive, productive, and team oriented.

I want to continue to be one of the City's advocates for the arts.

What other information should be considered for your reappointment? (Examples: Ways in which you have personally contributed to the work of the Board or Commission; leadership roles you have held on behalf of the work of the group such as chair, head of a committee or task force)

I have headed several of the art acquisition processes for town square. I have been an active member of the Commission working on public art issues both as a member of the Art In Public Places committee and as the chair of the Arts Facilities committee. This year the Arts Facilities committee was responsible for the creation of the MOU between the City and the Fitzgerald Theatre's resident theatre companies (RESCOs) that rekindles the cooperative spirit needed between the two groups that helps assure the theatre companies' survival, and continues to bring quality theatre at reasonable prices to Rockville residents.

Please attach an updated resume or additional information (Optional)

Please indicate here ☒ yes or ☐ no whether or not the City may give elected officials who serve Rockville (other than the Mayor and Council) your name and address. This information will not be used for any fundraising or campaign mailings. No phone numbers will be given.

Please submit this information to: Mayor and Council c/o City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. 240-314-8280

Thank you!